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CAESAR RODNEY'S GREAT HORSE-BACK RIDE IN 1776.

What the Declaration of Independence Was Saved by a Vote in the Session of the Provisional Congress In Philadelphia.

It happened on that famous Fourth of July, 1776, the day on which the American colonies were declared free and independent states. If Caesar Rodney had not made his historic ride there might not have been any free America today.

The provisional congress was in session at Philadelphia, each of the thirteen colonies having representatives there. It was a great congress, and a momentous question was before the distinguished body. The great charter of our freedom had been written by Jefferson, and Benjamin Harrison, father and great-grandfather of presidents, had presented it to congress on Monday, July 1. What would the Continental congress do?

In order that our country should be free and independent the declaration must be adopted. This could be done if only the colonies were divided, and there were some good men who did not believe it best to take this step at this time. Four of the seven delegates of Pennsylvania were opposed to it, and the two Delaware delegates present, Thomas McKean was in favor of independence, but George Read was opposed to the measure. Caesar Rodney, the other member, was in the southern part of his state in the capacity of a brigadier general, organizing and drilling troops for the coming struggle.

Two of the opposing Pennsylvania delegates were persuaded to absent themselves, and thus the Keystone State would favor the declaration, but the vote of Caesar Rodney was necessary to carry the state of Delaware. A messenger was dispatched in hot haste to summon him to Philadelphia, and then for four days the "patriots of '76" talked and maneuvered to delay the final vote. On Thursday, July 4, congress was to vote on the momentous question.

On the afternoon of the 3d the messenger found Caesar Rodney in Sussex county, more than eighty miles from Philadelphia. General Rodney was at that time forty-six years old, with a tall, lean, worn figure, his face scarred by cancer that was finally to cause his death. The brave patriot did not hesitate. "Saddle the black!" he commanded, and in ten minutes he had mounted his faithful steed and was galloping as if for life to the northward.

Eighty miles away from congress, which was waiting for him to declare the independence of the colonies. The thought caused him to drive his spurs deep into his horse's flanks and sent him flying along the long, dusty highway that stretched away toward the Faust legend is a continuous thread is that of Simon Magus, mentioned in the history of the apostles.

According to Justin, he was a native of Glinton, a village in Samaria. He was, no doubt, a man of great intellectual powers. He was the father of the school of the Gnostics. He is also reported of him that he could make himself invisible, that he could pass through flames unharmed, could transpose matter, make gold and exorcise demons—in fact, he laid claim to all these powers, and his name lived in the mouths of the people as a sort of demigod through many centuries until some other miracle working personality took his place at the popular fireside.

Unusual accomplishments, great erudition, were attributed to the supernatural influence and the general disposition to superstitious assumption was strengthened on the one hand by dogmatic affirmation on the part of the church of the existence of a personal Satan, with his numerous household, and, on the other hand, by incorporating the magic arts among the practical sciences, of which astrology and alchemy occupied no mean part.

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State Farm.

The location of the proposed state farm has finally been selected at a point in Yolo county, near Davisville. Nearly 800 acres have been purchased for this purpose, at a cost to the state of \$104,250. Yolo county, and the whole of Sacramento valley, feels proud in thus furnishing the site for the state experiment in farming. We may be wrong but we do not think this branching out of the state government into the farming business will be productive of much real benefit. It will find places for a lot of place hunters; and pile up expenses upon the people. If it is to be an example of model farming, the practical benefit to the common farmer will amount to little. Individual farmers are unable to follow in the footprints of farming conducted with the resources of a large government behind it. The ordinary farmer has to keep expenditures within his income. He has to get more from the product of the soil than he put therein, including the cost of labor. But with the state farmer it is different. He can branch out into untired paths. Like the explorer in geographical fields he can do exploration work in farming for the very love of adventure, regardless of cost. Valuable achievements are often made in that way, it is true; they are often made however, by individuals then by governments. If the farm is to be a sort of school to teach practically the science of farming—which is doubtless the main object aimed at—the policy of the state engaging in such an undertaking may well be questioned. Carried to its ultimatum, it means the entering wedge to a vast system of similar enterprises. Why not a state school for mining, for journalism, for printing, and so on through the whole gamut of human industry.

With the advent of crude oil as a solvent of the road building problem it was hoped that that vexed question was in a measure settled, in so far at least as the matter of material and economy were concerned in California, where this character of oil is to be had in abundance at comparatively low cost. Such hopes, however, seem far from realization, if we may judge from the experience of counties where oil has been tried. In Fresno, after what was deemed a thorough trial with this material, the whole system has been given up as a failure, and macadamizing has been reverted to as the better method. On the other hand Mr. Ellery, one of the state highway commissioners, is telling the people of Yolo county of the excellence of oil roads, and recommending the more general adoption of that system. Between these widely divergent views, both claiming to be based on practical trials, the public is as much at sea as before. In some places where oil has been tried for city streets, it has been pronounced unsatisfactory in its results. That the failures are to be credited to unscientific methods, is hardly probable. The conclusion is that the era of cheap and efficient roads is still in the distant future.

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## Under City Control.

The turning over of the local fire company's property to the city trustees, is but the initial step in the direction of city control of several other utilities. It was the proper move. The fire department is for the protection of all the property holders. It is no more than right that the burden of its maintenance should fall upon all property, according to its value. That is just how it will fall under the charge of the city authorities. Street sprinkling is another branch of public service that must be assumed by the municipality; also street lighting and services of night watchman. These things will entail heavy expense. They are expensive now, but the expense is borne by private and voluntary subscriptions. The cost will simply be transferred from the individuals to the city government. Gradually all such matters will be brought under the direct and sole supervision of the municipality. It will perhaps be a little more costly, at the same time, we ought to gain in efficiency more than sufficient to counter balance the extra cost.

## Assessor's Notice.

The county assessor hereby announces that he will be at the undermentioned places, for the purposes of assessment valuations for the current year on the following dates.

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Wednesday was the saddest day in the annals of California. It will go down in history as the black Wednesday of the Pacific coast, and especially of San Francisco. Almost in the twinkling of an eye, by one of those convulsions of nature known as earthquakes, the proud city of the Pacific has been transformed from the gayest of metropolitan centers to a city of ashes and mourning. Her proudest buildings have been leveled in the dust; her streets have been strewn with the dead and dying; her commerce has been paralyzed for the time being, and her financial condition has been shaken as never before. Between the quaking earth and the toppling of buildings consequent thereon, and the ravages of fire, more dreadful far than nature's convulsion—the business part of the city is laid in ruins. The extent of this calamity is not fully known. Further reports may reduce or increase the tragedy. Timid ones are predicting that she will never recover the set back; that her prestige as the queen of the Pacific will be permanently lost. We do not in the least share in such views. Her geographical advantages are unimpaired, and the enterprise of her people is equally to that of residents of any city under the sun. San Francisco will rise from the ashes of today, more beautiful, more prosperous than before. Thousands of men heretofore classed as rich have been ruined. Scarcely a hamlet or village in the state will escape financial loss in the crash of securities in San Francisco enterprises. The loss will run up into hundreds of millions. Still the spirit of her people will rise above the wrecks of today, and set manfully to the task of obliterating every trace of the work of the demon of ruin.

No direct communication with San Francisco could be had at the time of going to press. It is impossible to gauge the situation with any degree of accuracy. The news that filters through comes from outside sources, and by roundabout ways. It is evident however, from the scraps of news that filter through, that the destruction of the city is complete. By Wednesday night, after twelve hours of fire's work, it was estimated that the entire retail and wholesale portion was reduced to ruins. The space covered was given as fully eight square miles, embracing the south side of Market street, from the ferry to Fifteenth street, and extending south to the water front. The wholesale district from Kearny to Battery, and as far as Washington was wiped out.

Since then the fire has continued almost unopposed, in the face of tons of dynamite used to level buildings in the hope of stopping its march. It has taken in the whole western addition as far as Golden Gate Park. Also the resident section out in the Mission. The Mint is reported as standing, also the Chronicle building, and Ferry depot. At last accounts the flames were still raging, the firemen being exhausted with long-continued labor.

The loss of lives is variously placed at from 500 to 1000. The loss of property on Wednesday night was placed at two hundred million dollars. It will probably far exceed those figures before the end is reached. Martial law prevails; no one is allowed to enter or leave without a permit. Fully twenty persons have been shot in attempts to pillage. For the time being San Francisco is practically blotted from the map. The residents in tens of thousands are swarming over the outside hills, beyond the fire limits, gazing at the awful scene, panic stricken, destitute and hopeless. Golden Gate Park has been converted into a city of tents for the shelter of the homeless. Refugees are being sent out of the city of ashes, as fast as the trains and boats can carry them.

It looks now that the calamity, in the completeness of its destruction of a city of half a million inhabitants, will eclipse anything recorded in authentic history.

The latest bulletin is reassuring, and indicates that confidence is being restored; that the flames are either under control, or have died from exhaustion of fuel, and that orders for rebuilding have in some cases been given.

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## Experiences in the City Shock.

Louis Giovannoni arrived from San Francisco last evening. He was in the city during the terrible scenes of the earthquake and fire. He was rooming on Sutter street, the tenth block from Market. The shock he says threw him out of bed. He did not know what to make of the experience of finding himself on the floor. He got to the window and saw a great commotion started. People half dressed were running excited and frantic. He says every building appeared more or less wrecked. When the flames started it was impossible to get to the ferry by usual routes. He left the city Wednesday afternoon. To get to the ferry he had to walk all round by way of Ingleside, thence through South San Francisco and the water front to the ferry building.

Emma Johns and her brother, John Johns, returned home from San Francisco last evening. They left that city at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. They give an interesting account of their experiences from the earthquake shock until they boarded the boat that took them away from the city of doom across the bay to Oakland.

John was employed at the Bryan works on Eleventh street, and his sister was employed at the Malony dressmaking establishment on Geary street, near Stockton. Both boarded and roomed with Mrs. McLowell, formerly of Jackson, at the corner of 11th and Folsom streets. It was a frame building, and the shock shattered it badly, but it did not fall. The loss of life occurred almost exclusively in the buildings constructed of brick or stone, by the falling debris.

They went up Market street and were able to get some breakfast. On Market, where the buildings were badly injured, the street was not safe to any noticeable extent. Fourteenth street was cracked, and the center of Fifteenth street was cone shaped, as if it had displaced by a squeezing process from either side. Mission street was a succession of mounds and indentations, with car tracks projecting at several points. They passed the terrible day like thousands of others, as best they could, in mortal dread. At 6th and Folsom street two men were shot to death by the military, after martial law was declared. It was impossible to keep back the surging crowds until the stern military rule was enforced. At the point stated, one of the crowd resigned to obey orders, drew a pistol. United States to John F. Goodman, 160 acres in 9-7-13 as agricultural land.

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This table gives the highest and lowest temperatures in Jackson for each day, together with the rainfall, as measured by self-registering instruments kept at the Ledger office.

Date.	Temp. L.H.	Date.	Temp. L.H.
April (00) 2	32 55	April 17 (00) 2	45 72
3	34 62	18	44 73
4	36 65	19	44 82
5	39 66	20	44 82
6	40 68	21	44 82
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10	46 95	25	44 82
11	46 95	26	44 82
12	40 72	27	44 82
13	44 70	28	44 82
14	46 76	29	44 82
15	46 76	30	44 82
16	45 67	31	44 82

Total rainfall for season to date... 29.08 inches  
To corresponding period last season 29.33 "

LOCAL NEWS

J. F. Wilson, Dentist, Hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone—Office, black 44; residence, Black 523; Jackson.

All the typhoid fever cases are going nicely, Geo. Folger, Dudley Lawton, young Barbegatta, and Angove are up and moving around. Jas. T. Wright is able to appear on the streets. Chris Hansen is still confined to his bed, although improving. He is now in charge of a trained nurse provided by the Odd Fellows, of which order he is a member.

Pay your taxes, before the last Monday in April, and thereby avoid the penalty for delinquency.

The Marelia dwelling house was unoccupied last Saturday. The diphtheria patient, Herbert Marelia, is practically rid of the disease. It was a mild case, and taken in hand at the outset. The place is still in quarantine, and will be until the lapse of ten days from the fumigation period.

Get the weak spots in your old harness patched at Pete Piccardo's.

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C. Y. Smith, representing Foley & Co., the proprietary medicine firm of Chicago, was in Jackson Monday, making advertising contracts for that firm.

C. A. Freeman and wife went to the city early this week for a week's visit with relatives.

The Native Sons of Lone will give a grand picnic in the valley town on the 12th of May. There will be many attractive features, and a good time is guaranteed.

J. C. Holman arrived in town Friday from Lone and remained until Monday, when he and F. Tupper went up to Manuels mill to work. Several men went up a few days previous to get things in readiness for the summer work.—Angels Record.

A private letter from Sonora to parties in Jackson says that a young man named Thomas Brady, was taken to the county hospital in that city last Friday evening, and died the following morning. Brady was from Sutter Creek, and was a cousin to Mahers of Jackson. For a time he was employed at the Union House in Jackson.

Further particulars of the accident which befell Herbert Meeks at the App mine some two weeks ago, have reached us. It seems that the mishap did not occur in the mine. He had come off shift, and was skylarking with a fellow workman, when he stepped on a rock and fell. His brother workman fell on him, thereby causing a fracture of the leg above the ankle, and a dislocation of the ankle joint. The leg has been placed in a plaster cast, and as soon as it is prudent for him to undertake the journey, he will come to the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs C. M. Meeks, in Jackson. It will be eight or ten days before this will be practicable. Two months, at least, must elapse before he will be able to do any work.

Dr. A. M. Gall left Tuesday morning for San Francisco, for a week's vacation. The doctor has not been feeling well, and takes a rest to recuperate. Dr. Endicott has charge of his practice during his vacation.

Geo. I. Wright, superintendent of the Del Monte mine, went to Oakland yesterday, accompanying his son, Jas. Jay to that city.

Timber Krevopach had a heavy timber fall on his left hand while working at the Zeila mine last Tuesday, badly crushing the hand, necessitating a lay off for some weeks.

Both Mr and Mrs R. W. Ketcham are confined to their beds from sickness, and under the doctor's care.

Joseph Fregulia living on Broadway, is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

The newly-established post office at Martell's is in active working, except a separate mail pouch, which had not arrived at the early part of the week, but was expected daily. It has little effect upon the Jackson office. The Oneida mine and employees boarding on the premises will get their mail matter direct from Martell's, instead of as heretofore through Jackson. The Kennedy mine and Kennedy flat will not be affected by the new office; neither will the residents of Jackson care.

The local telephone manager received a message from headquarters to make no additional contract, put in no further phones, and to ship all supplies on hand to the city. From him it is inferred that the destruction of wire and other supplies is so great, as to justify the cessation of line work at all points of the state, and save the material from every quarter to the city to make repairs.

Miss Pearce and Miss McKinnon, trained nurses, who have been nursing patients here for several weeks, left for their homes in the city Wednesday morning.

Ice cream at P. Cuneo's to-morrow, and every day thereafter.

Itching, blind, bleeding, prouting piles. Duggists are authorized to refund money if Pazo Ointment fails to cure in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

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much drainage as they are irrigation projects. In the Klamath project, 136,000 acres, or more than half of the area of the total project, is rich tule land covered by eight or ten feet of water, and is to be drained and converted into over a thousand farms. The topographic branch of the Geological Survey, of which the Reclamation Service is also a branch has already run its lines over many of the great swamp areas of the eastern states and as soon as the Steenerson bill becomes a law the Geological Survey engineers will be ready to launch out into immediate activity in drainage projects.

#### Would Start with a Million Dollars.

The fund provided by the bill would be small as compared with the irrigation fund—it would approximate half a million dollars a year and would start off with about \$1,000,000, the receipts from the sales for the fiscal year 1905 being included—but on the other hand the cost of drainage would not be so great as that of irrigation.

The importance of this work of wholesale drainage, in order to provide homes for the increased popula-

## THE CAMERON ELM.

### FAIRY TREE OF THE CAPITOL SUBJECT OF A GREAT SENATORIAL ORATION.

"Don" Cameron's Eloquence Overcame Demands of Architects and Big Elm Blocks the South Entrance to Nation's Capitol.

One of the famous trees of Washington is the Cameron elm, and a romantic little story attaches to it. The tale is interesting in itself, but is peculiarly so in view of the country's long ruthless and wanton disregard of trees and the apparent present awakening of a recognition of the economic worth of, and sentimental devotion to them. It should be borne in mind that Washington City is an arboretum of historic trees. Most of these are known as "memorial trees" because they were planted by distinguished soldiers, statesmen and artists now dead. The Capitol grounds, the National Botanic Garden, the White House grounds and the park of the Department of Agric-

### HIS WIFE WAS A WONDER.

When the news of the death of the Hon. Yonks Van Dolsen reached Wighamton it fell like a wet pall over the place. Richard Van Dolsen was in the wild Missouri Mountains looking up timber tracks that had been offered at tempting prices, and Mrs. Van Dolsen had to bear her sorrow alone. She shut herself in her house and would see no one but Miss Ardsale. When she appeared again she was in deep mourning and fled East with her sorrow.

There was no one in Wighamton who could boast of such distinguished ancestry as the Van Dolsens, except Hetty Ardsale, and she, poor girl, was the last of her line. Poor in purse, but rich in pride, Miss Ardsale was a source of considerable worry to her many friends in Wighamton. Being an Ardsale, she could not stoop to work, nor could she accept indiscriminate charity. She was, however, grateful for opportunities to relieve her good friends of the regrettable necessity of destroying such things, as they no longer could conveniently keep. In doing this she thought she was doing a favor and her friends respected her pride, but found it extremely difficult to keep her alive and clothed.

Everyone said that it was really too bad that the death of Yonks Van Dolsen should occur at just the time it did, three weeks before Miss Hetty's wedding. Miss Hetty had long been looked upon as a confirmed spinster, but, after having passed the forty mark some distance, had met one Hector McGregor, and their wedding day was soon settled upon. Yonks Van Dolsen nearly upset everything, and Mrs. Van Dolsen went into black, shut up her house and then went away.

Some days after Mrs. Van Dolsen had left for the East, Richard Van Dolsen arrived in Wighamton, and while on his way home met his friend, Tom Garrick, and the two men exchanged a hearty greeting, after which Mr. Van Dolsen asked about village news and learned for the first of Miss Ardsale's approaching marriage.

Garrick walking by the side of his old friend suddenly said, "Dick, I suppose you know Mrs. Van Dolsen has gone East?" "Well, no," said Van Dolsen easily, but she rather expected to leave before I got back." He looked at Garrick curiously. "Why do you look at me that way, Tom, there's nothing wrong with Elizabeth, is there?"

"No, not with Mrs. Van, Dick, but Yonks Van Dolsen is dead." "Well, I should say he was, Tom; it's certainly time he was." "But what is the joke?" "I guess you don't understand me, Dick, I said Yonks Van Dolsen was dead. Your wife felt his death deeply and when she left for the East was in heavy mourning for him."

Van Dolsen dropped the heavy valise he was carrying and laughed until he was completely out of breath and the tears were streaming down his face.

"Elizabeth in mourning for that old rhinoceros-hided reprobate," he cried, "Tom, you will kill me with your talk."

They had reached his office, and Van Dolsen found the letter which he felt

culture are literally shaded with historic trees.

The Cameron elm stands so close to the south entrance of the Capitol that it nearly blocks the way, and really has nullified the importance of that passage as a means of ingress and egress to and from the Capitol. But it is not likely that an ax will ever be laid to this tree as long as it retains vigor enough to put on green in spring.

When the architects and builders were constructing the marble terrace to the Capitol this elm was found to be in the way of the plans and the work. The ax was whetted to chop it down. But this proceeding was stayed by Senator Don Cameron of Pennsylvania, who in the Senate Chamber made an impassioned appeal for the life of the tree.

Senator Cameron made one of the best speeches of his career, eulogized trees in general and the Capitol elm in particular, affectionately recalling the length of years which this old elm had stood at the south end of the Capitol and the men famous in American annals who had passed and chatted beneath its branches. He quoted much poetry that had been inspired by reverence for trees, and closed with a splendid recitation of the familiar poem, "Woodman Spare That Tree."

### Cameron Won the Day.

The matter took up considerable space in the Congressional record, the Committee on the Library, having the Capitol improvements under its control, canvassed the question, and the tree was allowed to stand, despite the fact that it would block for all the days of its life one of the great marble approaches to the Capitol.

A large mound of earth is heaped around the roots of the big elm, and this is kept carefully sodded that the tree's health may be conserved. Not long ago it became necessary to saw off a large limb, and at the point of amputation, paint, cement and tin have been applied that the tree may not suffer from the surgery.

The savior of this tree was a big man in the counsels of the nation and of the Republican party. Though generally known simply as "Don" Cameron, his name was James Donald Cameron. He was the son of Simon Cameron, Lincoln's secretary of War when the war of 1861 broke out, and who was a Senator from Pennsylvania for four terms. He resigned in 1877 and was succeeded by his son, "Don," who was born at Middletown, Pa., May 14, 1833, and had never served in any legislative body up to the time of his election to the Senate, but he had had enough experience in worldly affairs, having been prominent in banking and railroad circles.

"Don" Cameron was for a short time Secretary of War in Grant's Cabinet; that changing Cabinet in which so many famous men were called to serve. In that Cabinet were Elija B. Washburn, Hamilton Fish, George S. Boutwell, Wm. A. Richardson, Benjamin H. Bristow, Lot M. Morrill, John A. Rawlins, Wm. W. Belknap, Alphonzo Taft, Adolph E. Borie, George M. Robeson, John A. J. Creswell, James W. Marshall, Marshall Jewell, James N. Tyner, E. Rockwood Hoar, Amos T. Akerman, George H. Williams, Edward Pierpont, Jacob D. Cox, Columbus Delano and Zachariah Chandler.

"Don" Cameron was a striking figure in the National Republican conventions which nominated Hayes and Wheeler and Garfield and Arthur, and he was thrice elected to the Senate.

The new capitol at Harrisburg, Pa., is nearly completed and has cost \$4,550,000.

### THE CAMERON ELM SUBJECT OF AN ORATION IN THE U. S. SENATE.

sure his wife had left for him. After reading and rereading the letter he turned to his friend and said, "Yes, Tom, Yonks Van Dolsen is dead and I am going in mourning for him; he was a fine old man; my wife has written me all about it. There are some matters, Tom, I cannot explain—in the family, you know, Tom."

As soon as possible Richard Van Dolsen had a crepe band sewed on his hat, but it seemed hard for him to overcome his natural cheerfulness, still he tried to enter into the crepe band spirit and often said to his friends, "Yes, poor old Yonks is dead; he was a fine old man; I can scarcely realize that I am in mourning for him."

Ten days after Miss Ardsale's wedding, Van Dolsen sent for his old friend, Tom Garrick, and after carefully closing the door to his private office, said:

"Tom, I've been thinking things over, and I guess it will be annoying to Mrs. Van to do all the explaining, so I am going to do it for her. Elizabeth is the best woman on earth and thinks of kind things that no one else would think of." "You know how proud Hetty Ardsale is," Van Dolsen continued. "Funny girl, too; she'd take things no one had any use for, but nothing she thought anyone could use." "Elizabeth was sorry for her because she knew she had no proper

clothes for her wedding outfit and no way of getting any." "Elizabeth is a coker, Tom; what does she do?" "Why, she resurrects old Yonks, who died in 1879, long enough to go into mourning for him, so that poor Hetty Ardsale could do her the favor of relieving her of her unmourning clothes, of which she had laid in a large stock, both for outside and inside wear."

Van Dolsen paused and his friend said, "Van, I agree with you, your wife is a wonder."—Washington Star.

### Both Lucky and Odd.

Midway between sentiment and suzerainty lies a feminine trait which cherishes odd little trinkets that seem to bring luck. That any jeweled bauble can possibly change the capricious whims of Dame Fortune remains as always, a shadowy possibility. That a pleasant memory attached to some small ornament can be constantly recalled by the treasured trinket is without a doubt. So with divided affection women still cling to the savage luck charm as closely in 1906 as did their barbaric sisters whose calendar was the setting sun.

It is with the most up-to-date business women that one finds the most novel trinkets. Actresses particularly wear unusual luck ornaments, and not the least fetching of these is a gold chain which never leaves the neck of a very pretty leading woman in a popular theatrical company. Caught between the delicate links at intervals of two inches are all sorts of semi-precious stones as well as genuine gems.

Each individual stone represents the gift of some good friend who has been associated with her in her stage career, and the chain already holds twenty jewels as well as a souvenir pendant gold and enamel brownie with diamond eyes. The different stones include a rare yellow diamond and topaz, several oddly shaped water pearls, and clasping the chain at the back a large square garnet of richest hue.

Then there is a very popular teacher in one of the big cities who has been at the head of a shorthorn school for a number of years. Her luck souvenir is a coin waist belt made entirely of ten cent pieces. It was started by her first class of girls, every one of whom was devoted to her. When their term was over, however, their very meagre pocketbooks would allow the majority of them to give only ten cents apiece. So one of their members conceived the happy idea of having the dimes joined in the form of a bracelet, and each girl's initial was scratched on Liberty's cap.

As class followed class, the idea took root and the ten-link bracelet has grown to a good sized waist belt with four rows of coins. Some are thick and some are thin, and many bear hardly a resemblance to the newly minted dime, but they all carry the initials of some young pupil to whom the cheery teacher was an inspiration, and the coins stand for everything in the world to their owner. In fact so much a part of her has the belt become that she never thinks of going anywhere without it, and she sleeps with it under her pillow at night.

In contrast to this luck charm of

### Stopped the "Fast Flyer."

At a recent dinner at the White House, the following story, was told by one of the guests on Secretary Taft, who was present, and who, by the way, tips the scales at beyond the three-hundred-pound mark:

The Secretary was returning to Washington from Chicago aboard the "Fast Flyer" that only stops at large cities. He had urgent business with an old acquaintance of his who lived at a small station about two hundred miles from Washington, the population of which is about five hundred. He asked the conductor if he could stop the train for him at that place, but he replied that it would be impossible for him to do so—that he certainly would lose his job if he did. Well, after much worrying over his disappointment, Mr. Taft thought of a scheme by which he could gain his end, and when the train next stopped he sent a message to the superintendent of the road, saying:

"Will you stop your "Fast Flyer" at Denizen for a large party on the way to Washington? If so, instruct conductor to stop today."

About an hour passed, when the conductor, passing through the train, stopped at the Secretary's seat and told him that he would be able to get off at Denizen as he had been ordered to stop his train there for a large party going to Washington. The Secretary smiled, with that childlike expression of innocence for which he is famed, thanked him and settled down again behind his paper. Two hours later the porter of the train called "Denizen. Denizen," much to the surprise of the passengers. Mr. Taft gathered up his handbag and started for the platform of the car, where he was standing when the train came to a dead stop. As he stepped off the train there was no one in sight but the surprised-looking station agent.

### Cook Could Use Nickname Too.

Hawaiian servants are the best—the best in the world, but they are strangely unsophisticated, strangely naive," said a lady who had lived in the Islands.

"Hawaiian servants insist on calling you by your first name. Ours were always saying to my husband, 'Yes, John, or All right, John,' and to me 'Very well, Ann, or 'Ann, I am going out.'

"At last I got tired of this, and I said to John, when we got a new cook:

"Don't ever call me by my first name in the new cook's presence. Then, perhaps, not knowing my name, he'll have to say Mrs. to me."

"So John was very careful always to address me as 'Dearie' or 'Sweetheart,' but the new cook—a watchful chaperon at first gave me no title at all.

Very soon after, we had some English officers to dinner. I told them how I had overcome, in the new cook's case, the native servant's horrid abuse of his employer's Christian names, and I said 'By this servant, at least, you won't hear me called Ann.'

"Just then the new servant entered the room. He bowed to me respectfully and said:

"Sweetheart, dinner is served."

"What?" I stammered.

"Dinner is served, Dearie," answered the new cook."

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